

**George Washington to David Forman, October 28, 1777,
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To BRIGADIER GENERAL DAVID FORMAN

Head Quarters, October 28, 1777.

Dear Sir: I wrote you last evening with respect to reinforcing Red Bank and Fort Mifflin. My anxiety, from the importance of these places, is so great, that I cannot help urging you again to throw in without loss of time, what Assistance the Commanding Officers and yourself may think necessary, and such as you may be able to afford them. I informed you, that the reinforcement ordered from hence was detained by the weather, a continuance of which, still prevents the march of it, and may retard their passage when they set off, for which reason, I wish your immediate consultation with the Officers, that you may know what reinforcements are necessary and supply them, if possible, without loss of time. I am etc.

P.S. If you mention the coming down of a reinforcement, it may reach the Enemy's Ears, and they endeavour to intercept it, for which reason I wish it may be kept as secret as can be.¹

¹he draft is in the writing of Richard Kidder Meade.